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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Dear Sir or Madame:

Please accept this response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2002.

Drawings (Paragraphs 1-2 of Office Action)

In response to the Examiner's objection to the drawings in paragraphs 1 through 2 of the Office Action, the applicant will submit a revised drawing, showing the plurality of spring loaded locking mechanisms (also sometimes referred to as snap shackles) and the safety cable which are referenced in the Specification, prior to the close of prosecution of this application. The Applicant notes that such drawing would not be new matter, as these items are described in the original specification.

Specification (Paragraph 3 of Office Action)

In response to paragraph 3 of the Office Action, please amend the abstract as follows:

Page 11, line 6, change "comprises" to -has-.